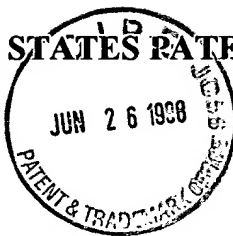


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT GROUP 3200

Please preliminarily amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 3 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of sanding a generally planar surface of an article of wood, the method comprising:

a' providing a sanding machine including a conveyor having a feed direction, and an elongate platen structure carrying [a sheet of] sandpaper, the platen structure being disposed in a spaced-apart relationship with the conveyor to extend substantially across the conveyor generally crosswise to the feed direction;

placing the article on the conveyor;